

# State Citizen Corps Council Newsletter

## **Money From FEMA**

It has recently been announced that funding for the next fiscal year has been approved. The most recent figure available is that Idaho can expect \$359K to support the Citizen Corps program through the next two years. This funding is for Citizen Corps Councils, CERT, MRC, VIPS and Neighborhood Watch. Also important to note is the amount to be passed through to the local government has moved from 75% to 80%.

## **Region X Meeting**

The first FEMA Region X meeting was held on 30 Sep 03 in Olympia, WA. In attendance were FEMA personnel and state Citizen Corps representatives from Idaho, Washington and Oregon. The intent of this meeting is to compare notes, share individual planning, and announce successes. Idaho's contribution to the meeting was:

- A proposal to develop a standardized form of identification for people who successfully complete a CERT course;.
- Our plans for the newly developed Citizen Corps logo;
- Request for publications to be easily accessible;
- Development of an Idaho regional coordinator workshop;
- Successful connection with the Public Utilities Commission; and
- Volunteers in Police Service update.

It is expected that these meetings will be routinely scheduled at a different location

each quarter. Cheryl Miller, VFW Representative and State Council member accompanied Charles. The next Regional meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, 2 December in Salem, Oregon. We are planning for this date to be finalized and have scheduled our State Council meeting on Thursday, 4 December from 10:00 – 12:00 in the BDS EOC rather than the usual first Tuesday of the month. Anyone having ideas, suggestions or topics to bring to the attention of Region X participants should get them to Charles Miller as soon as possible. These thoughts will be collected and presented at the meeting on 2 December.

## **Idaho Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (IDAVOAD) Conference**

The annual IDAVOAD conference was held in McCall on September 24-26, 2003. A total of 35 participants from Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Alaska and Montana attended the 3-day event hosted by the Bureau of Disaster Services. With participation from six states and multiple agencies involved in both VOAD and Citizen Corps it was a successful collaborative conference. Topics of discussion were: Citizen Corps, Animals in Disaster and Special Needs in a Disaster. There were excellent speakers from Idaho, Montana and New York with the final day being a tabletop exercise. The exercise focused on how the local VOADs work together and how they work with the state VOAD.

### **New Council Members**

We are pleased to welcome the newest members of the Idaho State Citizen Corps Council. Representatives from WalMart and the Public Utilities Commission attended the State Council meeting for the first time. Both agencies are enthusiastic Citizen Corps participants who are willing to contribute greatly toward furthering the Citizen Corps program.

WalMart does sponsor many community-orientated events and has agreed to include Citizen Corps activities whenever and wherever possible. Many of the displays and demonstrations arranged by WalMart are nationwide efforts scheduled at the behest of the national headquarters. The distinct advantage of this connection is the reporting process used to inform regional, district and nation headquarters of the success of every planned event locally. This results in a great contributor to furthering the Citizen Corps agenda and an invitation to Council members who would like to participate. In November, representatives from Idaho 2-1-1 agreed to host an informational booth at a local WalMart. This was to inform the community of their agency while simultaneously making the public aware of the Citizen Corps. It resulted in a resounding success for WalMart, 2-1-1, and the Citizen Corps activities.

There is also a possibility that the Public Utilities Commission may include Citizen Corps and CERT training as part of their routinely scheduled training. This is dependent upon final acceptance of the defined objectives set by the PUC and Citizen Corps. Discussions are ongoing but announcements will be made when negotiations are completed.

### **Logos**

Much dedicated work has been done by Rick Williams, North Central Citizen Corps Council, to finalize a logo design that can be applied to all facets of Citizen Corps activities. This follows a detailed discussion at the State Council meeting and draft logos sent to all members for their input toward final design.

The end result captures the intent of Citizen Corps. It will be used on letterhead, on labels to identify disaster preparedness kit items in retail stores and on posters at events promoting the Citizen Corps.

Rick has done a terrific job. His expertise and patience have resulted in a useful product that the entire state can use. We are excited to lead the effort in partnering with retail stores in labeling disaster kit items. Charles is currently talking with stores to promote this idea with success. Future plans are to encourage FEMA to adopt this idea nationwide. Great job Rick. And thanks.

### **New Council**

Mary Barlow-Brusse, Ada City-County Emergency Management (ACCEM), announced the creation of the local Ada County Citizen Corps Council. Her efforts will be valuable to our capital city and surrounding area. Mary, thank you for the hard work in forming this council. The Ada County council and North Central Idaho council are now officially registered, raising the total number of local councils within the State of Idaho to four accounting for 19 counties.

### **Regional Workshop**

An invitation was extended to all Regional Citizen Corps Coordinators to attend the State Council meeting on October 7. Unfortunately, conflicting engagements prevented some coordinators from making

the trip to Boise. Mary and Lyle Wolf representing the Northeast Council were present along with Rick Williams from the North Central Council attended. Each visiting council gave a detailed presentation of current activities in their area. This was followed by an exchange of ideas and the possible implementation of regional successes throughout the state.

### **Volunteer in Police Service, (VIPS)**

We did some research and found that many localities made maximum use of volunteers within their police and sheriff departments but were not registered at the national VIPS. Part of the situation was that although volunteers were in place in many law enforcement agencies their title was not VIPS so registration was not completed. This prevented them from receiving the credit due for their proactive work with volunteers.

A notice was sent to everyone concerned requesting help with identifying those agencies using volunteers but not registered. The response was encouraging and the number of VIPS organizations throughout the state has doubled to ten officially registered with a couple more pending. Thanks to all who helped and are helping with this project.

### **Volunteer Resources Course**

A newly modified course designed specifically for developing and using volunteers in organizations including recruiting and managing volunteer personnel is on the BDS training calendar, <http://www2.state.id.us/bds/training/index.htm>. The course is scheduled to be taught in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on Tuesday, November 18, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. A complete course description follows: IS-244 Developing and Managing Volunteers

This course is for emergency managers and related professionals working with all types of volunteers and coordinating with voluntary agencies. The course provides procedures and tools for building and working with voluntary organizations. Topics include:

- Benefits and challenges of using volunteers
- Building a volunteer program
- Writing job descriptions
- Developing volunteers through recruitment, placement, training, supervision and evaluation
- Coordinating with voluntary agencies and community-based organizations
- Special issues including spontaneous volunteers, liability, and stress

Although this course is full, watch the BDS training calendar for future offerings.

### **Scheduled Meetings and Travel**

Charles will travel to the FEMA Region X meeting in Salem, OR on 2 December.

### **CERT**



CERT activities continue to expand thanks in part to an aggressive campaign of introducing the program to as many people and agencies as possible and word-of-mouth advertising. With this increased activity it is important to reiterate that scheduling of

courses can only be done through the local emergency managers. Completion of the CERT Train-The-Trainer class does not automatically qualify an individual to schedule and teach the class. Emergency managers must be contacted in order to arrange for the required subject matter experts to teach specific modules. This will ensure the integrity of the course is maintained and will also inform emergency managers who has taken the class and what agencies are represented.

The increased popularity of CERT training follows that more classes will most certainly be requested. This is great and is one of the goals of Citizen Corps but the logistics must be in place to support the demand prior to widely distributed public announcements. Inability to handle obvious demands could be detrimental to the overall Citizen Corps intent. The fundamental process of advertising upcoming CERT classes, securing qualified instructors and recruiting students must be firmly in place prior to releasing the information to the public.



The state has a CERT TTT planned in Buhl Idaho on November 20-22nd. This is open to those who have discussed being an instructor with their County Emergency Management Coordinator.

We are also planning on a two region CERT conference for the last Saturday and Sunday of June 2004. This will be in Boise coordinated through FEMA Region VIII and

X. These two regions include Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. As more information is available, notification will be sent out.

### **U of I CEU Credit for CERT**

The procedure for an attendee to receive continuing education credit from ISU is:

1. Student must fill out "non-degree admission and registration" form and include the course title and CRN number:

*ITED 001 (CRN'741) Train the Trainer*

*ITED 001 (CRN'742) CERT*

The CRN is unique to each type of workshop and it will determine how the workshop appears on the student's transcript.

Here is a link to the registration form:  
<http://www.students.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=19747>.

2. The student should attach funds to pay for the CEU credit. The fee is \$30.00 per 10 hours of instruction. For instance, the Train the Trainer workshop and the CERT workshops are estimated to be about 20 hours of instruction, so the fee would be \$60.00 per student wanting CEU credit. Checks should be payable to University of Idaho.

3. The instructor is responsible to mail the forms and fees to:

University of Idaho at Idaho Falls, 1784  
Science Center Drive,  
Idaho Falls, ID 83402  
ATTN. Carol Baldwin, Registrar

4. U of I will process the registration and fee, and ensure the instructor assigns a grade (Pass or Fail). The student will then have a transcript with the university that they can request to show his/her employer that the training was completed.

If you have questions please contact Cheryl Wilhelmsen, University of Idaho:  
[cherylw@if.uidaho.edu](mailto:cherylw@if.uidaho.edu).

**Spotlight on a Council Member Agency Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)**, Ada and Elmore Counties Project. The purpose of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is to mobilize volunteers to serve in their community, with a focus of those over age 55. Any non-profit or governmental agency may request volunteers from RSVP. Currently there are 201 agencies in our database requesting volunteers. We have over 900 enrolled volunteers serving their community. In 2002, RSVP volunteers saved the community over \$2M through community service.

RSVP is 70% federally funded and must raise the remaining 30% through grants, individual contributions and other local resources. Part of the budget is for volunteer insurance. Through RSVP volunteers are covered with a secondary policy. From the time they leave their home and return they are covered with insurance. This insurance coverage includes accident/medical, excess auto liability, general liability and a death benefit. RSVP insurance does not cost the agency or the volunteer.

For more information about becoming an RSVP volunteer, please contact RSVP at 208.345.4357, ext. 255.

### Next Meeting

December 4, 2003, 10:00am (*Please note change from Tuesday to Thursday this month*) at:

Bureau of Disaster Services  
 Emergency Operations Center (EOC)  
 4040 W. Guard St., Bldg. 600  
 Boise, ID 83705

Please inform us if you intend to attend this meeting so we can let the guard know. You will need to have a valid driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance to get on the base.

### Computer Corner:

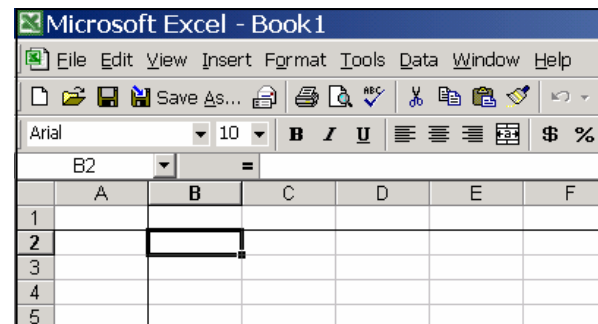
#### *Freeze Rows and Columns in Excel*

You can freeze rows and columns in your worksheet so they don't move. This allows you to keep row and column labels displayed on your screen as you move through a large worksheet. Here's how:

1. Click on the cell(s) you want to freeze.
2. Click the Windows menu, Freeze pane.

For example, if you click in cell B2, the headings in Column A and Row 1 are frozen and bold lines will appear in your worksheet. The rows above and columns to the left of the lines are frozen and remain on your screen as you move through your worksheet.

To unfreeze rows and columns, click on the Windows menu, Unfreeze Panes.



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## Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Notices

### 1. Crosman Corporation Announce Recall of Air Rifles

**Name of the product:** Spring-piston, break-action air rifles

**Units:** About 1500

**Hazard:** The air rifles can discharge unexpectedly when the user closes the barrel, posing a serious risk of injury to consumers and bystanders.

**Description:** Crosman Corporation has received one report of an air rifle unexpectedly firing, though no injuries have been reported. The recalled break-action, spring air rifles include Crosman Model numbers RM177, RM177X, RM677, RM677X, RM877 and RM622 that were produced before August 2001. Models produced after that time are not included in this recall. The recalled air rifles have brown wood stocks, black barrels, and blue and white striped spacers on the butt plate. The RM622 shoots .22 caliber air gun pellets; the other models shoot .177 caliber air gun pellets. The RM177X and RM677X were sold with scopes. Each barrel is imprinted with the model number and the words, "Manufactured for Crosman Corp. by Mendoza."

**Sold at:** Authorized dealers, gun shops and sporting goods dealers nationwide sold the air rifles from June 2001 through August 2001 for between \$130 and \$250.

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using these air rifles immediately and contact Crosman Corporation at (800) 724-7486 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday for instructions on returning the rifle for a free repair or replacement with a comparable model. Crosman will also reimburse consumers for the cost of shipping.

**Consumer Contact:** Consumers also can log on to the company's Web site at [www.crosman.com](http://www.crosman.com) to view safety and recall information posted since September 2001.

### 2. Technuity Inc. Announce Recall of Back-Up Power Supply Systems

**Name:** Energizer-brand Back-Up Power Supply Devices

**Units:** Units: 2,100

**Manufacturer:** Technuity Inc., of Indianapolis, Ind.

**Hazard:** When used in conjunction with another power protection device, the power supply device can spark, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** The firm has received 16 reports of units sparking or smoking, though no injuries or fires have been reported.

**Description:** The recalled back-up power supply systems include the Energizer-brand UPS Model ER-PRO1000, which can be identified by a label on the back of the device. The black, breadbox like unit is about 14 inches deep, 6 inches wide, 8 inches tall and weighs about 20 pounds. The words, "Energizer" and "energizerups.com" appear on the front of the unit.

**Sold at:** Staples stores nationwide and [www.technuity.com](http://www.technuity.com) sold the units for about \$140.

**Manufactured in:** China.

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using the recalled back-up power supply devices immediately and contact the company for a free replacement unit and instructions on returning the recalled product.

**Consumer Contact:** Contact Technuity toll-free at (877) 577-0046 between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or log on to the Web site [www.technuity.com](http://www.technuity.com).

### 3. Park Tool USA Announce Recall of Bicycle Floor Pump

**Name of product:** Professional Bicycle Floor Pump

**Units:** 4,000

**Manufacturer:** Park Tool USA, of St. Paul, Minn.

**Hazard:** The bicycle pump can become over-pressurized with air, forcing the handle to quickly and unexpectedly rise upward, possibly injuring the user.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Park Tool USA has received reports of three injuries. They include a chipped tooth, a small laceration on the chin and bruises.

**Description:** The pump is chrome and "Park Tool USA" is written in white letters on the side. Only units manufactured prior to August 2002 with a black indicator on the pressure gauge are included in the recall. Pumps with blue indicators on the pressure gauge that are manufactured after August 2002 are not included.

**Sold at:** Specialty bicycle retailers sold the bicycle pump from March 2003 through August 2003 for about \$80.

**Manufactured in:** Taiwan.

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**Remedy:** Contact Park Tool to receive a replacement pump and instructions on how to switch the parts from the old pump to the new pump.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Park Tool at (888) 568-4959 between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. CT Tuesday through Friday or visit the Web site at [www.parktool.com](http://www.parktool.com).

### 5. Member's Mark® Gas Grills.

**Name of product:** Member's Mark® Gas Grills.

**Units:** 50,000.

**Manufacturer:** Grand Hall Enterprise Co. Ltd., of Taiwan.

**Hazard:** The bottom edge on the front control panel is sharp and can cause lacerations to the hands.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Grand Hall has received four reports of consumers who sustained cuts or lacerations on their hands, while trying to move the grill or reaching under the control panel.

**Description:** The recalled grills have a stainless steel construction and have the name Member's Mark® on the front control panel. The grill has four caster wheels, a side shelf, and a side burner. Only units with model number Y0005XC-2 are included in the recall. The model number can be located on a silver ID tag on the back of the grill head.

**Sold at:** SAM'S CLUB stores sold these grills exclusively from August 2000 through December 2001 for about \$600.

**Manufactured in:** China.

**Remedy:** Consumers should avoid contact with the bottom edge of the grill until it is repaired. Grand Hall will mail repair kits directly to all grill owners.

**Consumer Contact:** Consumers who have not received a repair kit should call Grand Hall at (888) 735-5709 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

### 6. Hand-Held Hair Dryers

**Name of product:** Hand-Held Hair Dryers

**Units:** 700

**Manufacturer:** Blason International Trading Corp., of Miami, Fla.

**Hazard:** Some of these hair dryers do not have an immersion protection device on the power cord and could present a serious electrocution hazard if dropped in water.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** The recalled units are the Blason Turbo Style model 4030 electric hand-held hair dryers without an immersion protection device. These units have a pistol-style grip and a black plastic casing with a two-prong power cord labeled in part, "Blason Turbo Style Mod. 4030. 110V/60HZ/1500W."

**Sold at:** Retail drug stores and hair accessories and salon retail operations from May 2002 through June 2003 for about \$40.

**Manufactured in:** China.

**Remedy:** Return the hair dryer to Blason International Trading Corp. for a refund.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Blason toll-free at (888) 625-2766 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

**Media Contact:** Manuel Junco at (888) 625-2766.

### 7. Ceiling Fans

**Name of product:** Ceiling Fans

**Units:** 1,200

**Distributor:** Vaxcel International Co. Ltd., of Glendale Heights, Ill.

**Hazard:** About 80 of these units were improperly assembled with a metal sleeve that could cause exposed wiring. If this occurs, consumers are at an increased risk of receiving an electrical shock during installation or removal.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** These dual-motor, 36-inch ceiling fan were sold in chrome, stone white, brush nickel, polished brass, antique brass, or weathered patina finishes. Model number 355-6645 is printed on a label located on the central housing of the ceiling fan. The brand name of the fan, "Aire Tek" is written on the packaging only.

**Sold at:** Independent retail lighting stores nationwide between January 2002 and May 2002 for between \$350 and \$450.



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**Manufactured in:** Taiwan.

**Remedy:** Consumers should contact Vaxcel to determine if their unit is defective. A free, replacement ceiling fan will be provided to consumers with defective units. To avoid the risk of shock while removing a recalled fan, consumers are encouraged to use a professional electrician. Vaxcel will reimburse consumers up to \$75 for charges incurred in removing recalled fans.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Vaxcel at (800) 482-9235 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

### 8. Eddie Bauer Propane Lanterns

**Name of product:** Eddie Bauer Propane Lanterns

**Units:** 12,300

**Manufacturer:** The Wenzel Co., of St. Louis, Mo.

**Hazard:** The lanterns could produce high levels of carbon monoxide (CO), posing a risk of CO poisoning to consumers if the lantern is used indoors.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported. This voluntary recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

**Description:** The Eddie Bauer lantern, sold exclusively at Target stores, is ocean blue with two mantles. It has a glass globe, electronic ignition, and an extra-large hood and handle. When assembled, the lantern sits on a plastic base that houses the propane fuel cylinder. The "Eddie Bauer" name appears on the front of the product on an oval panel immediately below a black on/off switch. The Wenzel Company produces the lantern under license with Eddie Bauer.

**Sold at:** Target stores nationwide from February 2003 through July 2003 for between \$38 and \$50.

**Manufactured in:** China.

**Remedy:** Consumers should return these lanterns to any Target store or contact The Wenzel Co. for a refund. Consumers should detach the lantern from the propane cylinder and should return only the lantern itself to the Target store.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Wenzel toll-free at (800) 972-3151 anytime, or visit Wenzel's Web site at [www.wenzelco.com](http://www.wenzelco.com).

### 9. Fuji Power and A&T Fuji Power CR123A 3-volt lithium batteries originally provided with Galls®

#### H.A.L.O. Tactical Flashlight

**Name of product:** Fuji Power and A&T Fuji Power CR123A 3-volt lithium batteries originally provided with Galls® H.A.L.O. Tactical Flashlight.

**Units:** Approximately 10,084

**Distributor:** Galls Inc., of Lexington, Kentucky

**Hazard:** The batteries originally provided with the flashlight may overheat or explode presenting a potential for fire or personal injury.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Five reports of batteries overheating or exploding have been received, causing minor injuries such as burns and minor property damage from fire.

**Description:** The batteries were provided in pairs. Each is a 3-volt lithium battery with a white label. The name "Fuji Power" or "A&T Fuji Power CR123A" is on the label.

**Sold at:** Galls catalog, Galls website [www.galls.com](http://www.galls.com) and retail stores in Lexington, KY; Long Beach, CA; Riverside, CA; San Diego, CA; Orange County, CA; and Signal Hill, CA, from June 2001 through May 2003. The flashlight sold individually for about \$49 and when bundled with other items for up to \$99.

**Manufactured in:** Taiwan.

**Remedy:** Call Galls toll-free at 1-800-477-7766 to receive free replacement batteries for each pair of batteries originally received with your Galls® H.A.L.O. Tactical Flashlight purchased prior to June 2003. If you have already replaced the batteries (Galls recommends that Duracell Ultra 123 3-volt lithium replacement batteries be used), Galls will provide an equivalent credit (\$10.99 for each pair of Fuji Power or A&T Fuji Power lithium batteries) that can be redeemed towards the purchase of any other merchandise ordered from Galls.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Galls customer service representatives toll-free at (800) 477-7766 Monday through Friday, 7 am to midnight ET, Saturday and Sunday 9 am to 9 pm ET.

### 10. Marshall Gas Controls Model 451 and 452 LP-Gas regulators on Char-Broil®, Kenmore®, and Thermos® brand LP-Gas Grills shipped to retailers between April 15, 2003 and May 6, 2003



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**Name of product:** Marshall Gas Controls Model 451 and 452 LP-Gas regulators on Char-Broil®, Kenmore®, and Thermos® brand LP-Gas Grills shipped to retailers between April 15, 2003 and May 6, 2003.

**Units:** 35,000

**Distributor:** Marshall Gas Controls, a division of S.H. Leggitt Company of San Marcos, Texas

**Hazard:** Some of these regulators were assembled with an undersized seat disc that could become dislodged and leak propane gas. Propane gas is highly flammable and could ignite causing a fire or explosion. Consumers should immediately close the valve on the service cylinder if LP-Gas leakage is detected.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** These low-pressure regulators control petroleum gas pressure in gas grills. The regulators are used with Char-Broil®, Kenmore® and Thermos® brand gas grills. There are two model gas regulators involved in the recall. Model 451 is a single outlet regulator used on grills with traditional burners in the main box. Model 452 is a dual outlet regulator used on grills with a side burner adjacent to the main box. The regulators have date codes printed on the valve body. Date codes included in the recall are 13-03/03-13, 14-03/03-14, 15-03/03-15, 16-03/03-16, 17-03/03-17 and 18-03/03-18.

**Brand:** CHAR-BROIL®

**Models:** "Quick Set" "Big Easy" "Patio Caddie"

**Model Numbers:**

463531503	463731803
463531703	463823303
463631703	463826803
463713303	475496003
463728403	

**Brand:** KENMORE®

**Models:** "Wide Body" "Diamond Flame"

**Model Numbers:**

415.162020	415.162060
415.162040	415.162050

**Brand:** THERMOS®

**Model:** "Quick Set"

**Model Number:**

461631603	461633803
461631903	461733803

**Sold at:** Home and appliance stores nationwide from April 2003 through May 2003.

**Manufactured in:** The grills and the regulators were manufactured in the USA.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately close the valve on the service cylinder if LP-gas leakage is detected and contact the Grill Service Center to receive a free replacement regulator. For brand and model information contact the Grill Service Center or visit the commission's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

**Consumer Contact:** Call the Grill Service Center at (800) 241-7548 anytime.

**Media Contact:** Mark Ross for Marshall Gas Controls at (512) 396-0707, Alex Gafford for Char-Broil® and Thermos® at (800) 352-4111 ext. 6356, and Larry Costello for Kenmore® at (847)286-9036.

### 11. Sony VAIO notebook computers

**Name of product:** Sony VAIO notebook computers

**Units:** About 5,600

**Manufacturer:** Sony Corp., of Tokyo, Japan

**Hazard:** Users could receive a mild electric shock when the recalled computers are connected to a phone line and the phone rings.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** Only Sony VAIO notebook computers with model numbers PCG-FRV25 or PCG-FRV27 sold from June through July 2003 are part of the recall. These computers will have slow modem speeds, generally below 24K while using the notebook's AC adapter. Consumers unsure of their modem speed can check it at the Sony PC support Web site: [www.sony.com/pcsupport](http://www.sony.com/pcsupport). Sony previously announced this recall on July 10, 2003.

**Sold at:** Electronic and computer stores nationwide from June 2003 through July 2003 for about \$1,500.

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**Manufactured in:** China.

**Remedy:** Consumers with VAIO notebooks included in the recall should disconnect their modem from the phone line immediately, and contact Sony to arrange for a free repair. Sony also will extend the current limited warranty for repaired products to 2 years from date of original purchase.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Sony at (800) 880-9743 anytime or visit their Web site at [www.sony.com/pcsupport](http://www.sony.com/pcsupport). Media Contact: Valerie Motis at (858) 942-8016 or at [valerie.motis@am.sony.com](mailto:valerie.motis@am.sony.com).

### 12. Bunk Beds

**Name of product:** Bunk Beds

**Units:** 3,600

**Manufacturer:** Home Line Industries, of Philadelphia, Pa.

**Hazard:** These bunk beds have openings between the guardrails and between guardrails and the end structures that are too large. A child's body could slide between the opening and become trapped by the child's head. This poses a strangulation hazard to children.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** The recalled Home Line bunk beds include the following models and styles: S130 (black), S131 (white), S132 (red), and S133 (blue) have a single top mattress and a double width bottom mattress; S135 (black) and S136 (white) that have a single top and a single bottom mattress; and S116 (black) and S117 (white) that have a single top mattress and a bottom mattress that also converts into a couch. Some units are labeled with the "Home Line" name and the model numbers on the top front railing. Contact the firm to help determine if your bunk bed is part of this recall.

**Sold at:** Furniture stores nationwide from September 2002 through May 2003 for about \$190.

**Manufactured in:** China.

**Remedy:** Contact the firm to arrange for a free repair.

**Consumer Contact:** Home Line Industries Inc., at (800) 523-3310 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

### 13. Melting Pot Gift Sets

**Name of product:** Melting Pot Gift Sets

**Units:** 9,000

**Manufacturer:** Lang Candles Ltd., of Delafield, Wis.

**Hazard:** The melting pots can produce excessive flame and/or ignite presenting a fire and burn hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Lang has received nine reports of the melting pots producing excessive flame and/or igniting. Six of these involved burn injuries to hands and five involved minor property damage.

**Description:** Each melting pot gift set is packaged in a heart-shaped paperboard gift box with a ceramic melting pot (simmer pot), four individually wrapped scented wax melters of various scents, and six tea light candles that have "Lang" printed on the top. The gift sets diffuse aroma by liquefying the scented wax melter on top of the melting pot through the use of a tea light candle placed in the bottom of the melter. The gift sets were sold in nine different themes/styles printed on the exterior of the gift box lid and melting pot. The name of the theme and its respective "Part Number" are printed on the label affixed to the underside of the gift box: Warm Your Heart 0614001, Above the Fruited Plains 0614002, Noel Rose 0614003, Holiday Bounty 0614004, All Decked Out 0614005, Stars Stars Stars 0614006, Herb Garden 0614007, Home and Heart 0614008, Frances' Garden 0614009.

**Sold at:** Small craft and candle stores sold the Melting Pot Gift Sets from May 2003 through August 2003 for about \$20.

**Manufactured in:** Melters made in USA; Melting pot, Lang tea lights and box made in China.

**Remedy:** Lang is offering a full refund for each returned gift set. For instruction information contact Lang. **Consumer Contact:** Call Lang at (888) 526-4011 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.